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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. A This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3. This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- 4. 🖾 The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
- 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

- a.  $\square$  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
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  has been communicated by the International Bureau.
- c. D is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
  - a. 🗆 are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
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    have not been made and will not be made.
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  An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

## Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- 14. ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 15. ☐ A substitute specification.
- 16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 17. \(\Pi\) A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter. 2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
- 18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 20. ☑ Other items or information:

Application Data Sheet

Eight (8) Sheets of Formal Drawings

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| ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =  |  |                                   |               | \$860.00                          |              |  |  |
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| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =   |  |                                   | \$1,020.00    |                                   |              |  |  |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.   |  |                                   | \$            |                                   |              |  |  |
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